

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 65-73 as follows:

65. (New) A stable pharmaceutical formulation comprising:
 one or more amino acids which is susceptible to formation of a lactam;
 one or more stabilizers to inhibit the formation of said lactam, said stabilizer comprising a composition that is known to reduce ionic activity; and

ϕ = less than 20 ppm of an anion.

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 reduce by how much?
 anionic activity

66. (New) A formulation comprising:
 at least one amino acid which is susceptible to formation of a lactam;
 one or more stabilizers to inhibit the formation of said lactam, the stabilizer being one which is known to reduce ionic activity; and

ϕ = less than 20 ppm of an anion from a mineral acid.

67. (New) A process for forming a stable pharmaceutical formulation containing less than 20 ppm of an anion, comprising the step of treating an amino acid susceptible to formation of a lactam with a stabilizer to inhibit the formation of said lactam.

68. (New) A stable pharmaceutical formulation comprising:
 one or more active agents that are susceptible to degradation caused by electronegative ions;

one or more stabilizers to inhibit the degradation; and

ϕ = less than 20 ppm of an anion.

69. (New) A pharmaceutical unit dosage form of an amino acid susceptible to lactam formation comprising:

an amino acid which is susceptible to lactam formation;